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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1927

APRIL

Oh, April's dancing on the hills
And wears her silver shoes,
So I must up and follow her
To ask a gracious boon:

A blossom from her misty hair,
A rainbow from her gown,
Perhaps a pussy willow bud,
As soft as eider down!

Oh, April's dancing on the hills
And wears her silver shoes,
So Pan and I must follow,
While he pipes a silver tune.
—Serena C. Bailey in New York
Times.

WINTHROP SCORES AGAIN

Now that the annual track meet has come and gone Winthrop has settled back to rest on her record-breaking prowess for another year.

Although the fame of Lucile Godbold has in no way diminished, time has made it almost legendary. More recently Sarah Workman has gained laurels for Winthrop, causing her name and Winthrop's to be known all over the athletic world.

Since the last meet another name has been on the tongues of all track enthusiasts, that of Elizabeth Ardrey, of the class of 1927. On the familiar Winthrop athletic field, in the presence of classmates as well as spectators who had watched her predecessors, "Liz" cleared the pole and broke the American record for pole-vauling.

Again Winthrop's leadership is telegraphed over the United States. Again in Winthrop's "Hall of Fame," Peabody Gymnasium, is written another name, Elizabeth Ardrey.

B. A.

SCORE ONE FOR THE TEACHERS

(Oregon Emerald)

Student government, as long as it bothers no one, should perhaps be tolerated. But when student rule becomes misrule, what then?

The faculty justified in taking a hard line matters?

The senior council at the University of Washington, in a state of nervous prostration, and the editor of the Washington Daily is waxing furious because all Freshman rules have been done away with by faculty. Our sister university's vigilantes, kinsmen of our own, have been adjudged out of order through enforcement of a long existing rule which forbids, as broadest of discipline, "any form of interference by any class, or members of any class, with the personal liberty and dignity of any member of any class."

So the senior council has appealed to the president for a reversal of the faculty decision, and the editor of the Daily is storming bitterly at the faculty, which had the nerve to "destroy all the fine old traditions."

We have recently been rather hard-hearted in commenting on actions of the faculty in whole and in part of the University of Washington. It now gives us pleasure to congratulate the former objects of our scorn.

And inasmuch as the Washington vigilance system was functionally the same as that with which we are now blessed, and which receives another bristling in the communication column of the Emerald today, can't someone find a slumbering rule in the Oregon code similar to that discovered at Washington? If there is no such rule in existence, the faculty is hereby cordially invited to make one.

Perhaps the "bull session" in America is the school boy's invention or concoction as his best available substitute for the valuable contacts by which the Englishman builds up his intelligence and the fund of knowledge in his smoke-filled room in which there is a small group of ambitious investigators searching for a particular truth.—Daily Mail.

It's better to have gone to school and fumbled than never to have slept at all.—Selected.

In the Magazines

Reading and Writing, by John Erskine. Century, May, 1927. Page 11.

Erskine's columns, "The Centurian," are unusually worth while for the college editor this month. We read a few paragraphs, hoping that you will want to read the entire essay.

"Most colleges assume that the entire student body can be taught to write in the Freshman year. Other colleges act upon the wild hope and are rather proud of it—that all the Freshmen have learned to write before they arrived. I won't say that there aren't sound reasons for not asking them to take a course in writing. Perhaps the professors cannot write either. But this is not the reason usually given, and it seems an exaggeration to say that few people, least of all the educated, realize the difficulties involved in writing and the mysteries involved in reading."

"There seems a fair probability that we may shortly begin to investigate these two occupations and may build up an aesthetic sense which really takes account of mental behavior when we read and write, which will diminish the smugness in our assumption that we know how to express ourselves, and which will develop, not only a sense of the ways and means of communication with our fellows, but also the limits within which communication is possible."

Erskine declares that a study of criticism will not teach us to write. He says that the writer of literature should not be able to speak the best language of his readers.

Read the essay as a whole—it will help you in your own writing.

What Makes a Good College Teacher?

Editorial, Christian Century, April 21, 1927. Page 485.

This is an editorial comment on the letter of the day of liberal arts at Northwestern University, declaring that character development is important for the college teacher as research or scholarship and teaching ability.

Student Opinion on Foreign Policy.

Christian Century, April 21, 1927. Page 565.

This is a good account of the results of the Northfield student conference, held at Northfield, Mass., in February of this year.

HOPES FOR THE DUMB

(Purdue Exponent)

High school "dumb bells" constitute a large percentage of the college honor students. Claim several leading educationalists after a survey of the relative standings of students in major high schools and colleges throughout the country. Whether or not this is an accurate fact is doubtful, but the survey did show that a very large portion of the outstanding high school students fail to do even satisfactory work in college.

The educationalists take the stand that the honor high school student is loaded down with false ideas, which must be corrected before the man can begin his college education. The student who acquired less during his preparatory school days is likened to an empty wagon onto which the university loads his load. Their many facts and ideas; the wagon of the honor student must be emptied before the new load is put on.

At first thought the idea seems ridiculous, for a capable student cannot be overloaded with education. The real fault lies in the schools, not in the students. The high school fails when it gives the man false ideas, it fails when it does not give an education which can be carried on at college. Too much time must be devoted at college when Freshmen should have had beforehand. Closer cooperation between preparatory schools and universities would result in less getting men prepared to begin advanced work without first spending a year having false ideas corrected and securing fundamentals. The four years could then be given over to actual college work, enabling the student to get work he must take in a post-graduate course.

Rambling With the Featurists---

The Swimming Pool Has "It"

If you've ever helped guide a convention of strange men over our campus you will be quite able to appreciate the ways different parts of our institution affected the recollections of the American Mechanics.

Marshals, Senators and the president's council were delegated to the task of securing an audience through the dining room, the campus and the gymnasium.

The six allotted me all duly adorned in uniform, stood amazed at the immensity of the dining room, examined with interest the museum at Tiltman Hall, and were then led to the shrine of Mrs. Bartlett, Peabody Gymnasium.

Although classes of physical training were over for the day recreational swimming was in order in the pool. Before I had a chance to lead the way to the pool two of my gentlemen heard a splash and raced madly in the direction of the sound.

When I arrived in the balcony of the swimming pool room I was met by six swimmers, each hanging over the banisters and "cutting" with the sea-nymphs. Each in turn expressed the fact that "aquatics" was always his chief sport. "Now," said one grandfater, "I've always meant to send my granddaughter to Converse, but Winthrop's the place for her." Then, as one slender maiden did a swan dive into the water he smiled cheerfully and murmured "Ain't that grand?"

However, time was passing and I began to get a little weary only meaning that ice cream was being served in Main Building. Even then one elderly gentleman walked into the fence, vainly endeavoring to catch a fast fleeing gull which a mermaid.

B. A.

1907 and 1927—Or Winthrop Twenty Years After

The other day I found some old Winthrop catalogues tucked away in the basement of the library. As all women are primarily interested in clothes, I immediately turned to the section on uniforms, and read some of the requirements:

"Students, without exception, are required to wear uniform dress. This promotes economy and does away with all distinctions that would otherwise exist from different conditions. The richest girl in our school cannot be distinguished from the poorest by her dress.

The uniform is neat, becoming, and stylish. The material is may blue serge of excellent quality.

"All students must secure the fall dress suit before leaving home and wear it as a traveling dress to Rock Hill. The skirt is to be finished off plain at the bottom, without lands. No student, however small, will be allowed to wear a skirt shorter than five inches from the ground."

"That 'fall fatigue suit' aroused my curiosity and I searched through the bulletins until I found a picture of the dress in question.

A white shirtwaist with a high, stiff collar; a very short coat, tucked into a long full skirt gathered in lightly at the waist by a wide belt; and a flat-topped, black hat completed the costume. The dress was very much like this, except the coat buttoned up tightly, and a meek-looking black bow was added to the shirtwaist.

Then I read some additional uniform requirements.

"The shirtwaist to be worn for every day use is to be of percale (white ground with small stripe of blue) made without any trimming. For Sunday or entertainments the shirtwaist to be worn must be plain white goods. No embroidery or fancy waists of any kind will be allowed.

Uniform belts will be of same dark blue or black material, and neckties of some suitable material, black or white. No sashes are allowed. White collars and white ties will be required on Sunday morning for church.

"The hose must be black, and stockings must be high shoes from December 1 to April 1. No low cut shoes or slippers will be allowed between these dates.

"During the winter months, stockings will be required to wear high-necked, long-sleeved underdresses. A wrapper or two to wear in sleeping apartments will, however, be allowed.

"Seniors' white commencement dresses may be made of organdy or lawn in any simple style they choose.

"Students are required to wear full uniform while traveling to and from Rock Hill, and while on brief visits home, but during long summer vacations they may wear it or not, as they choose."

If this girl of 1907 should appear on the campus, I wonder what she would think of her sister of 1927, with three uniform dresses and no stockings, with skirts more than twenty-five inches from the ground! I suppose she would be dumb with amazement to see hose of many colors and pumps of black, brown, blonde or grey worn on the coldest day in winter; and if she should inquire about long-sleeved vests, she would find that they are

unknown articles to her younger sister. I imagine that L. Winthrop girl of 1907 would feel very much like Rip Van Winkle when he awoke from his 30 years' sleep. E. M.

An Echo of the Convention

Six happy girls piled into the bus bound for Columbia at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Think of leaving school a week-end and third term! It's the first time in history it's happened. Have you ever seen so many churches on one road before? Must be to remind us that we're going to a Y. W. Conference.

At 7:30 we got there—only half an hour before the first meeting—and dash into some clothes. (Uniform is not clothes, Winthrop speaking.)

Arriving at Flinn Hall, the University's "Y" building, we walk into a room full of girls from our respective women's colleges of the State. There's a W. O. G. girl who was on an International Relations Conference and I've seen that girl somewhere. Wish I wouldn't see all these familiar faces, for I can't pay attention to the words of wisdom which are coming from the diminutive and cranky-eyed Dr. Morse. Wonder where he got that thrifty little chuckle from.

The next day Dr. McQuilken, who has been at Winthrop this year, leads Bible study. He said we should be contented wherever we are and not like the society girl who says "girls married for money, fame or social position, but whichever they did, they'd wish they had done the other."

Saturday night and Sunday morning our own Mrs. Grauel leads a discussion on Y. W. technique. How in the world does one small head know so much about how a Y. W. should be run? I just wish that all these girls could come up to our school and see how much she's done—then they'd know how to pep their association up. Most of them seem very interested.

Sunday afternoon we start back to Columbia. A record trip. Believe we're going to make it in two hours. But heaven! What's that noise? Are we losing the engine. No, it's only the gear-shift. Finally we get in Rock Hill just in time to prevent "doh!" from saying we overstayed our leave of absence.

ANNIE ROOF.

"Elizabeth"

When "The Wandering Poet" confessed that he and Elizabeth often stopped by the w. side and wrote poems, romantic visions immediately arose of some lovely lady who was his inspiration. Imagine my dismay when with his next words he announced that Elizabeth was none other than a "diver"—not an ordinary one, though! Indeed, she has a great many individual peculiarities.

A glance in her direction is quite enough to convince one that she was modeled about, oh, about the year '02 or '03. You say I flatter her? Well, let it pass. It's no secret that Elizabeth and the old gray mare "can't wait" they used to be.

Her occupants are exposed to both sunshine and rain, for she has no top, but she does boast two new back tires and the luxury of a spare wheel, one has to guess her name. It is blazoned across the back in white chalk letters.

Speaking of the back, I noticed that the poet got his 1927 license in Georgia instead of Kentucky. I wonder why! That another thing about the back that piqued my curiosity was its contents. It was literally jammed with suit cases, boxes of poetry, more boxes, and more suitcases.

Believe me, the folks who say there's always room for one more just never have viewed Elizabeth. There is room for nothing else in the back, and the poet and his driver take up all the room in the front, so where the traditional one more could sit I'm sure I don't know.

LUCILE FANT.

SYRACUSE DRAMATIC SOCIETY SUSPENDED BY AUTHORITIES

Syracuse, N. Y. (IP)—Boar's Head for 32 years the leading dramatic society at Syracuse University, has been suspended from all activities until next fall by the university authorities because of alleged misconduct at the institution's anniversary of the organization early in March. Officials of the club have issued a vigorous protest, denying that their conduct was serious enough to merit the punishment.

Ask Abandonment of Ph.D. Degree. Providence, R. I. (IP)—The Brown Daily Herald has asked the University here to abandon the Ph.D. (Bachelor of Philosophy) degree, which is still given here, because it is not commonly known in other college circles.

Will Write New March

Minneapolis, Minn.—(IP)—John Philip Sousa has consented to write a new marching song for the University of Minnesota, to take the place of the old "Rouser." The new march will be entitled, "Minnesota."

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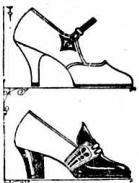
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As they sat at
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Enough to be an
Arrow-Goliad
MODEL, and she
Was one of the
Fairest of the flowers
OF MAIDENHOOD!
He was eagerly
Searching her face
For the answer to
Some question he
Deep asked, and his
Deep blue eyes
Were troubled as he
Waited for some
Slight sign of
Encouragement.
She wrinkled her
Dedicate white
FOREHEAD, and
Hesitated before

Replying;
I waited breathlessly—
Surely this was a
PROPOSAL
Of marriage—it
Could be nothing
Of less importance!
My heart almost
STOPPED
Beating, and I
Thought I would
Die of suspense—
Why didn't she
SPEAK?
AT LAST—
As she opened
Her mouth to give the
DECISION,
I leaned forward so
That I would miss no
Word of the
ANSWER!
All right, I
You don't want
The rest of the
Sandwich, I'll
eat it!"
I FAINTED AWAY!!!

"MICKEY" POLIAKOFF.

MASS PRODUCTION IN COLLEGES

(Daily Cardinal, Wisconsin.)

We once had an idea. Perhaps most of our friends won't admit the truth of this five-word assertion, but we are willing to accept it. Strange as it may sound, it isn't a lie.

But we will admit that we had this idea before coming here. After spending a number of months at this fount of learning, as someone perhaps once called it, we have lost this idea. And now we are seeking, but contrary to the biblical quotation, we are not finding. Strange.

Modern universities are factories, easily comparable to the Ford plants. One worked for Henry Ford, and day in and day out we gave a twist to a bolt, number 39, it passed by us. After about a week, in one of his establishments we left. Once in a while as we hasten on our way to a classroom we have the same feeling we had while working for Henry. After a man works for about a year in one of Henry's plants the last shred of individuality has been crushed out of him. After four years in a modern American university, the same thing too often happens.

We, the students, are the bolts and the screws in this case. The members of the faculty are the laborers. We pass by, one by one. Each day the professor or the instructor gives us a little twist or turn. As the years go by we become standardized and thus easier to handle. While we were Freshmen we often had ideas. Sometimes these ideas were not conventional or orthodox, and we gave the faculty the same degree of trouble which a bolt not perfectly made, gave us when we tried to give it a twist as it passed by.

Most modern American university graduates are standardized. Most of them can be classified and put safely away in a niche in life, where they will remain unquestioning.

We once suffered under the illusion that universities were meant for the development of individualism. Perhaps in the old days they were, but modern factory methods of production of college graduates has put an end to this. Today most college graduates can be classed as "safe."

Standardization may make better Babbits and Rotarians and Chamber of Commerce boosters—but at the same time it is an occasional artist or writer sacrificed on the altar of standardization? And after all are they not worth more than all of the Babbits and Rotarians?

STUDENT PAPER AND COUNCIL IN A FIGHT

Eugene, Ore.—(IP)—"Freedom of the Press" is the issue at stake in a battle between the Oregon Daily Emerald and the student council of the University of Oregon. The student publication is opposing the council's desire to dictate an editorial policy to the editor of the sheet. In a recent meeting, the Freshman class of the university passed a resolution backing up the stand being taken by the Emerald. Portland editors also are backing the editor of the Emerald.

"NATIONAL" BALLOTS THAT AREN'T NATIONAL

(Daily Illini.)

A "national" student poll on religion, conducted by the church advertising department of the International Advertising Association has been made public—after 30,000 students from 100 colleges had answered the questionnaires which had been sent out.

That 98 per cent. of the college students of the United States are orthodox Christians is the conclusion which is being broadcast by news dispatches as a result of the poll, which, however, included for the most part only smaller schools, where reaction against orthodoxy is perhaps much less in evidence than in the larger State and other highly endowed institutions.

The poll was called "national," and the readers of the news dispatches will doubtless accept it when they read it and assume that every college in the country is to be judged by the results which were received from Providence College, Pacific Union College, Winthrop, Baylor, Carthage, Taylor, Wheaton, Gettysburg, Union, and other schools of that general classification, so far as size goes. Dartmouth, which made the least orthodox showing, with 52 per cent. proclaiming a belief in God, was perhaps the largest of the schools which participated in the poll.

Although it is not in the least to the discredit of those schools whose students did answer the questionnaires, it is decidedly unfair to such schools as Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Stanford, California, Brown, and this university, and several others, when the results of the poll are proclaimed as "national," whereas no typically large school, other than Dartmouth, was included in the test.

To advertise that 98 per cent. of the college students of the country are orthodox Christians would be perfectly legitimate and fair if an accurate check-up had been made in 98 per cent. of the schools of the country, but when a dozen or more of the largest schools, whose total enrollment would probably be five times as large as the total enrollment of scores of smaller schools, were omitted, it is ludicrous to consider the results of the poll as truly applicable to all college students in the country.

If it is desirable in the first place to take a "national" poll on such matters as belief in orthodox Christianity, on which so few college students can really give intelligent answers, it would probably be far more discreet if the selection of the schools were broadened to include the large as well as the small.

OHIO GLEE CLUB WILL TOUR EUROPE DURING SUMMER

Delaware, Ohio—(IP)—The Ohio Wesleyan University Glee Club is to leave on a tour of a 37-day tour of Europe. Concerts have been arranged for in London, Oxford and Paris. The Ohio Wesleyan singers recently won first place in a glee club contest of a number of Ohio colleges and universities, and competed in the national singing contest in New York last month.

Journalistic Humor

Apropos Whangdoodles

(University Daily Kansan)
William Allen White recently understood an editorial conviction when he read of the large sum of money America spends annually for cigarettes. Mr. White is of the opinion that man hasn't any more brains than a locoed whangdoodle with the toothache.

It is our opinion that Mr. White is standing for the right principle, but his figure of speech is all wrong. It has been discovered that whangdoodles never eat of the loco weed, as they have to make a very special loco-detector. If the whangdoodle comes within 20 feet of a loco weed, tree, bush or fish, the loco-detector starts operating and immediately clamps the whangdoodle's jaws shut, so that he can't eat a bite.

What Mr. White referred to, no doubt, was the whiffenpoof. The whiffenpoof wears a monocle and at certain seasons of the year the monocle glass becomes so hazy that the whiffenpoof mistakes the loco weed for a nice cup of hot tea, and as he has no loco detector like that of the whangdoodle, Mr. Whiffenpoof eats the weed and blooey! he is as bally as an eye full of cinders and about as safe as a nitro-glycerin plant when the lightning strikes.

Please, Mr. White, be more careful of your facts before you start writing. It is just such little slips as that which cause the steady subscribers to lose faith in a newspaper.

Queen Marie thinks she can sell fairy stories in America. She must have read the political platform—Daily Illini.

The student lay in bed and eyed the alarm clock. "If this darn thing doesn't hurry up and go to sleep, I'm going to miss my class," he said.—The Franklin.

The greatest universal time and money saver—"Love at first sight."—The Dynamo (Mt. Union College).

A cut a day keeps commencement away.—Ohio Northern Review.

Since television is an accomplished fact, we suppose it won't be long now until women will complain that they have nothing to wear for their telephone dates.—Ohio State Lantern.

Now that Chicagoans have cast their bullets for mayor, there will be only the regular murders conducted.—Daily Cardinal (Wis.).

The more marines landed the greater the neutrality.—Daily Illini.

The man who gives in when he's wrong is wise; the man who gives in when he is right is—married.—The Dynamo (Mount Union).

WINTHROP GRADUATE DIES FROM POISON

Kershaw, April 27.—Miss Marie Horton, attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Horton, of this place, died from the effects of poison taken through a tragic mistake in medicine last Saturday night.

Miss Horton, who was teaching school at Kershaw, N. C., had come home for a visit to her parents Saturday afternoon and feeling bad, took what was supposed to be a tonic, but which proved to be an acid that had been used as a chemical reagent by the young woman's roommate in instructing her class in chemistry. Despite heroic efforts of physicians to check the effects of the acid, after much suffering, the young woman succumbed to the deadly poison.

The death of Miss Horton is particularly sad, as she was the only child of her parents and had just reached young womanhood, being 22 years old, and a last year's graduate at Winthrop.

The funeral services were held this morning at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. George T. Smith, pastor, officiating, and her body was buried in the Kershaw cemetery.

The many and beautiful floral tributes and large attendance of relatives and friends, both from this community and the town in which she had taught, attested the esteem in which this young woman was held.

STUDENTS PENALIZED FOR STRIKE APRIL FOOL DAY

Memphis, Tenn.—(IP)—A reduction of 10 points in his term grade was handed out by the faculty of Southwestern College here to each student who joined the April Fool strike here on April 1.

So many of the students joined the strike that the faculty were forced to stop classes. The striking students formed a parade through the streets of Memphis, and were joined along the way by many high school and graded school students who caught the spirit of the collegians.

As the faculty of the college directed that the "sirkers" make apologies to those schools where disorders were created by the parade.

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